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Line of Duty Death

Houston Fire Department Captain Grady Burke, 39, lost his life while battling a house fire in a southeast Houston this morning. Burke entered the department in March 1993 and was promoted to Captain in March 2003. Last year, the department awarded him with a unit medal of valor for his part in rescuing a trapped victim from a house fire in November 2003. He was currently serving out of Fire Station 46, located at 3902 Corder.

Burke is the 59th Houston Firefighter to die in the line of duty. The last HFD line of duty death was Firefighter Kevin Kulow who lost his life on April 4, 2004. (For more information on past LODDs, please visit the HFD Memorial website at www.houstonfirememorial.org)

The fire is currently under investigation. For media inquires, please contact one of the HFD Public Information Officers:

District Chief Jack Williams, 713-606-3356

Captain Gilbert Bennett, 1-800-341-9303

Captain Burke's photo may be downloaded from:
<http://www.houstontx.gov/fire/burke.jpg>